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SUBJECT: SUGAR: LATIN AMERICAN PRODUCERS MEETING AT
PUERTO PLATA

REF: STATE 61168

1. ECONOFF CONVEYED VIEWS REFTEL TO RICHARD FLETCHER,
CHAIRMAN, GOJ SUGAR INDUSTRY AUTHORITY. FLETCHER SAID HE
WAS NOT ATTENDING BUT GOJ WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY
MANAGER AND RESEARCH DIRECTOR OF SUGAR INDUSTRY AUTHORITY.

2. FLETCHER SAID SEVEN-ITEM AGENDA DID INCLUDE DIS-
CUSSION OF SOME FORM OF PRICE DEFENSE MECHANISM. IN
HIS VIEW, ANY KIND OF AGREEMENT WOULD BE EXTREMELY
DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN BECAUSE SUGAR IS "NOT A MINERAL
RESOURCE AND ANYBODY CAN PRODUCT IT", GIVEN SUFFICIENT
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PRICE INCENTIVES. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT THERE WAS

GENERAL CONCENSUS THAT PRICE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED
TO DROP BELOW 20 CENTS PER POUND WHICH WAS VERY CLOSE
TO LONG TERM COSTS OF PRODUCTION. FLETCHER STATED
DIFFICULTY IN REACHING AGREEMENT WOULD NOT PRECLUDE
SOME "TOUGH STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS" DURING CONFERENCE.
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